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[WITH THE AMENDMENTS]

## To permit the free Interchange of every Species of Grain, between Great Britain and Ireland.

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Note.—*The Figures in the Margin denote the Number of the Folios in the written Copy.*

N. B.—*The Clauſes marked* (A.) (B.) (C.) (D.) (E.) (F.) (G.) (H.) *were added in the Committee, and the other Amendments are printed in Italic.*

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1 WHEREAS it is expedient that the free Importation and Exportation of all Corn and Grain reciprocally to and from Great Britain and Ireland reſpectively ſhould be allowed, and that all Reſtraints relating thereto ſhould be removed; Preamble.

Be it therefore Enacted, by the KING's Moſt Excellent MAJESTY, by and with the Advice and Conſent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, and by the Authority of the ſame, That from and after the *paſſing of this Act*, it ſhall be lawful for any Perſon to carry and export out of and from any Port or Place in Great Britain to any Port or Place in Ireland, and out of and from any Port or Place in *Ireland* to any Port or Place in Great Britain, in any Britiſh or Iriſh Ship or Veſſel owned and navigated according to Law, any Sort of Corn or Grain, whatever the average Price of Corn or Grain 2 may be in either Country at the Time of ſuch Exportation, any Thing in any Act or Acts of Parliament now in force in Great Britain or Ireland to the contrary thereof notwithſtanding. Allowing the Exportation from Great Britain to Ireland, and from Ireland to Great Britain, of any Sort of Corn or Grain.

Provided always, and be it further Enacted, That before any Corn or Grain ſhall be allowed to be ſhipped for Exportation in purſuance of this Act, the Exporter of ſuch Corn or Grain ſhall declare upon Oath (or Affirmation if one of the People called Quakers) before the Collector, Comptroller, or other chief Officer of the Cuſtoms at the Port from whence the Exportation is about to take place (which Oath or Affirmation the ſaid Collector, Comptroller, or other chief Officer of the Cuſtoms is hereby empowered to adminiſter) that ſuch Corn or Grain is really and truly intended to be exported to Great Britain or Ireland, as the Caſe may be, ſpecifying Exporter of Corn to take Oath and enter into Bond for the due Export thereof.



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cifying therein the Port to which the ſame is intended to be exported; and ſuch Exporter ſhall, together with the Maſter or Perſon having or taking the Charge or Command of ſuch Ship or Veſſel in which ſuch Corn or Grain is intended to be exported, become bound to His Majeſty, His Heirs, and Succeſſors in a Bond, with one other ſufficient Surety, to remain in force for *Three* Months, in treble the Value of ſuch Corn or Grain, with Condition that the ſame ſhall be carried to ſuch Port or Place for which the ſame ſhall have been ſo entered for Exportation as aforeſaid, and to no other Port or Place whatever, ſuch Bond to be taken by the Collector, Comptroller, or other chief Officer of the Cuſtoms at the Port of Exportation; and in caſe ſuch Corn or Grain ſhall be carried to any other Port or Place than to the Port or Place mentioned in the ſaid Bond, the ſame ſhall be forfeited. 3

On Certificate of the landing of ſuch Corn, Bond to be diſcharged.

And be it further Enacted, That if the ſaid Corn or Grain for which ſuch Bond ſhall have been given ſhall be duly and without Fraud landed at the Port or Place according to the Condition of ſuch Bond, and a Certificate thereof, under the Hand and Seal of the Collector, Comptroller, or other chief Officer of the Cuſtoms in Great Britain and Ireland reſpectively, where the ſame ſhall have been landed, teſtifying that ſuch Corn or Grain has been there landed, ſhall be produced to the Collector, Comptroller, or other chief Officer of the Cuſtoms at the Port of Exportation, ſuch Bond ſhall and may be diſcharged. 4

Commiſſioners may diſcharge Bond, on Proof that the Corn or Grain has been captured or loſt by Shipwreck.

Provided always, and be it further Enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for the Commiſſioners of Cuſtoms in England, Scotland, or Ireland reſpectively, or any *Three* or more of them, to diſcharge any ſuch Bond on which the Penalty ſhall have become forfeited by reaſon of any Breach of the Condition thereof as to the not landing the Corn or Grain for which the ſame ſhall have been given at the proper Port, on Proof made to their Satisfaction that ſuch Corn or Grain has been captured or loſt by Shipwreck or otherwiſe.

CLAUSE (A.) Import and Export of Corn to be regulated by average Prices.

And be it further Enacted, That from and after the Fifteenth Day of November One thouſand Eight hundred and Six the Importation of all Corn, Grain, Meal, and Flour, and the Payment of Duties thereon, and the Exportation of all Corn, Grain, Malt, Meal, and Flour, and the Payment of Bounties on ſuch Exportation into and from every Port of the United Kingdom, ſhall be regulated by a medium Price of the aggregate average Price of Corn, Grain, and Oatmeal of the whole of the Twelve Maritime Diſtricts of England and Wales, and of the aggregate average Price of the whole of the Four Diſtricts of Scotland, and on the average Price of Corn, Grain, and Oatmeal returned by the Lord Mayor of the City of Dublin, or Magiſtrate acting as ſuch, ſuch average Prices to be aſcertained quarterly from ſuch Returns reſpectively and in ſuch Manner as is or are directed by the Laws now in force in Great Britain and Ireland reſpectively for aſcertaining the ſame quarterly, any Thing in any Act or Acts to the contrary notwithſtanding.

CLAUSE (B.) Aſcertaining the average Price in Ireland.

And be it further Enacted, for the Purpoſe of forming ſuch medium Price, That the Lord Mayor of the City of Dublin, or in caſe of his abſence, by ſickneſs or otherwiſe, the Magiſtrate acting as ſuch, ſhall immediately, upon ſtriking the average Prices of each Sort of Grain and of Oatmeal for the Six Weeks immediately preceding each Quarter Day (that is to ſay), each Tenth Day of November, February, May, and Auguſt, deliver to the Lord Lieutenant, or other Chief Governor or Governors of Ireland for the time being, a true and exact Account, under his Hand and

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and Seal, of ſuch average Price of each Sort of Grain and Oatmeal reſpectively, (noting at the Foot thereof the Price of each Sort of Grain and Oatmeal in Britiſh Currency, by the Britiſh Quarter, according to the relative Weights of the Iriſh Barrel, and the Britiſh Quarter containing eight ſtandard Wincheſter Buſhels, aſcertained reſpectively according to the Laws now in force) inſtead of delivering the ſame to the Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Revenue, and under a like Penalty in caſe of Neglect or Refuſal; and every ſuch Account ſhall be tranſmitted without delay to the Receiver of Corn Returns in the City of *London*, who ſhall and he is hereby required, as ſoon after each Quarter Day (that is to ſay), after each Fifteenth Day of November, February, May, and Auguſt, as he ſhall have formed the medium Price of the average Prices, as herein directed for the Six Weeks next preceding, tranſmit a Certificate thereof to the Commiſſioners of Cuſtoms and Port Duties in Ireland, and to the ſeveral Collectors or other chief Officers of the Ports in Ireland, as well as to the Collectors or other chief Officers of the ſeveral Ports in Great Britain; and the Importation of each Sort of Corn, Grain, and Meal, and Flour made thereof, ſo far as ſuch Flour or Meal is allowed by Law to be imported, and the Exportation of each Sort of Corn, Grain, Meal, Malt, and Flour, together with the Payment of Duties on Importation, and Bounties on Exportation, ſhall be regulated and governed in every Part of the United Kingdom, to and from Foreign Parts, by ſuch medium Price and no other, except as is hereinafter mentioned, until a new medium Price ſhall be certified in like Manner, and be received by ſuch Collectors or other chief Officers of the Ports; and Commiſſioners of Cuſtoms and Port Duties reſpectively.

CLAUSE(C.) No Corn or Grain to be exported from Great Britain, when average Price in any Diſtrict ſhall be above that at which ſuch Corn is prohibited to be exported.

Provided always, and be it further Enacted, That whenever the average Price of any Sort of Corn, Grain, or Oatmeal, in any of the Twelve Maritime Diſtricts of England and Wales, or the Four Diſtricts of Scotland, ſhall exceed that at which ſuch Sort of Corn, Grain, or Oatmeal is prohibited by Law from being exported, no ſuch Sort of Corn or Grain, or any Meal, Malt, or Flour made thereof, and no ſuch Oatmeal, ſhall be exported or laden or laid on Board any Ship or Veſſel to be exported from any ſuch Diſtrict in Great Britain, under like Forfeiture and Penalties as are enacted againſt Perſons exporting, or laying on Board in order to be exported, any Corn, Grain, Meal, Malt, or Flour contrary to Law, until ſuch average weekly Price in ſuch Diſtrict ſhall be at or below that at which ſuch Sort of Corn, Grain, or Oatmeal is allowed by Law to be exported, notwithſtanding the medium Price aſcertained for the preceding Quarter-day, as herein directed, ſhall be under the Price at which ſuch Sort of Corn, Grain, or Oatmeal is prohibited from being exported.

CLAUSE(D.) No Corn or Grain to be exported from Ireland, when the Price ſhall be above that at which ſuch Corn is allowed to be exported.

Provided alſo, and be it further Enacted, That whenever the Price of any Sort of Corn, Grain, or Oatmeal ſhall at any Port in Ireland, aſcertained as by the Laws now in force for the Purpoſe, exceed that at which ſuch Sort of Corn, Grain, or Oatmeal is allowed by Law to be exported, no ſuch Corn, Grain, or any Malt, Meal, or Flour made thereof, and no ſuch Oatmeal, ſhall be exported or laden, or laid on Board any Ship or Veſſel to be exported from ſuch Port, under like Forfeitures and Penalties as are enacted againſt Perſons exporting or laying on Ship-board in order to be exported from Ireland, any Corn, Grain, Meal, Malt, or Flour contrary to Law, until ſuch Price at ſuch Port, aſcertained in like Manner, ſhall be at or below that at which ſuch Sort of Corn, Grain, or Oatmeal is allowed by Law to be exported.

CLAUSE(E. Fractions to be omitted in forming average Prices.

And be it further Enacted, That the Lord Mayor of the City of Dublin, or Magiſtrate acting as ſuch, ſhall, in certifying the average Quarterly Prices,



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Prices, omit all Fractions under One Penny which may happen in such average Price, and that the Receiver of Corn Returns in London shall likewise, in forming the medium Prices pursuant to this Act, omit all Fractions under a Penny which may happen in such medium Price.

CLAUSE (F.)
Persons not to be subject to Penalty, if the Corn or Grain should have arisen after Entry thereof made.

And be it further Enacted, That nothing contained in this or any other Act shall extend to subject any Person to Forfeiture or Penalty for exporting, nor to prohibit any Person from exporting or from receiving Bounty on exporting, within Twenty Days from the Entry thereof at the Custom-house for Exportation, any Corn, Grain, Malt, Meal, or Flour which shall be actually shipped or laden on Board any Ship or Vessel for the Purpose, at a Time when the quarterly medium Price thereof is under the Price at which the Export thereof is prohibited, although the average Price of the Districts in England and Wales, if such Exportation be made from Great Britain, or the Price at the Port where the same shall be shipped in Ireland, if such Exportation be made from *Ireland*, may have risen after the Entry thereof, above the Prices at which the Export there is allowed by Law; nor shall the Ship or Vessel or Boat be forfeited, or liable to be seized on that account, any thing in this or any other Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

CLAUSE (G.)
Preventing Inconvenience to the Corn Trade, in consequence of sudden Rise, after a Part of a Cargo shall be shipped.

And to prevent the Inconvenience which may arise to the Corn Trade from the Consequences of a sudden Rise of Price after a Part of a Cargo shall be shipped, and before the Whole shall be completed; BE it further Enacted, that where any Corn, Grain, Malt, Meal, or Flour shall be entered for Exportation, and a Part thereof actually shipped at a Time when Bounty shall be payable on the Export thereof, or when the Export thereof shall be legal, the remaining Quantity so entered shall and may be shipped at any Time within Seven Days after such Entry, and exported within due Time after, and the Exporter be entitled to receive Bounty thereon, if at the Time of the Entry he would have been entitled thereto, notwithstanding any Rise of Price after such Entry; Provided always, that the Exporter shall first make Oath (or, if a Quaker, Affirmation) before the Collector or other chief Officer of the Port, that the Whole of such Cargo was actually in his or her Possession before the Price arose above the Bounty or Export Price, as the Case may be.

CLAUSE (H.)
Corn Laws not to prevent Vessels carrying out of Ireland Provision for their Crews, or for victualling of any Forces, Forts, or Garrisons, or Beans for Africa.

And be it further Enacted, That nothing in this or any Act or Acts now in force in any Part of the United Kingdom shall extend to prohibit at any Time the Exportation or carrying out of Ireland so much Corn, Grain, Meal, Malt, or Flour, as shall be necessary to be carried out in any Ship or other Vessel from any Port in Ireland, on its Voyage out and home, for the Sustenance, Diet, and Support of the Commander, Master, Mariners, Passengers, or others, or for the Use and Sustenance of the Cattle, Live Stock, or other Animals aboard such Ship or Vessel; or for victualling or providing any of His Majesty's Forces, Forts, or Garrisons; or to prohibit at any Time the Exportation of Beans from thence to the British Forts, Castles, or Factories in Africa, or for the Use of British Ships trading upon that Coast, which have been usually supplied with the same from Great Britain; or to prohibit the like Quantities of the several Sorts of Corn and other Articles (as are mentioned in the Table marked (C.) contained in an Act made in Great Britain in the Thirty-first Year of His present Majesty's, c. 30. Reign, intituled, "An Act for regulating the Importation and Exportation "of Corn, and the Payment of the Duty on Foreign Corn imported, and of "the Bounty on British Corn exported;" and also in an Act made in the c. 65. Thirty-third Year of His present Majesty's Reign, to amend the said Act) to be exported from Ireland to the Places in the said Table and in the said last recited Act mentioned respectively, so as the whole Quantities to be exported

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exported from Ireland to ſuch Places, within Twelve Calendar Months from every Fifteenth Day of February, do not exceed the Quantities reſpectively limited therein.

Provided always, That if at the Time of any ſuch Exportation, the Price of ſuch Corn, Grain, Malt, Meal, or Flour, aſcertained according to Law, ſhall be above the Price at which the Export thereof is allowed, except as aforeſaid, the Exporter thereof to any of the Places mentioned in the ſaid Table (C.) or the laſt recited Act, or for His Majeſty's Forces, Forts, or Garriſons, or for the Uſe of Britiſh Ships trading on the Coaſt of Africa, or Beans for the Britiſh Forts, Caſtles, or Factories in Africa, ſhall before the ſhipping thereof declare the Iſland or Place for which the ſaid Articles are reſpectively intended to be exported; and he, together with the Maſter, or Perſon having the Charge of the Ship or Veſſel, ſhall become bound to His Majeſty, his Heirs and Succeſſors, in a Bond with one other ſufficient Security to be approved of by the chief Officer of Cuſtoms at the Port, with Condition that the Articles ſo exported ſhall be landed at the reſpective Iſlands or Places for which the ſame ſhall be ſo declared and entered for Exportation, and ſhall not be landed elſewhere, the Danger of the Seas only excepted; and ſuch Bond ſhall be vacated and diſcharged upon producing ſuch Certificate as is required in caſe of the Exportation of any ſuch Articles on Bounty, or on Proof made to the Satisfaction of the Commiſſioners of Cuſtoms and Port Duties in Ireland, that ſuch Articles were taken by Enemies or periſhed on the Seas: Provided always, that in caſe ſuch Articles ſhall be ſo exported for the Uſe of His Majeſty's Forts or Garriſons, there ſhall be a Certificate from the Commiſſary of the Forces, or Perſon receiving the ſame for the Uſe of His Majeſty, teſtifying the Quantity ſo received.



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